

LOUDOUN COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

1767 TO 1850

About the year 1899 the Clerk's Office purchased their first typewriter and one of the early projects this "new" technology was used for was to produce a copy of the first Marriage Index. A nice Moroccan red leather covered loose leaf book with gold lettering was purchased and the names were transcribed from the original hand written index into it. The original index only contained the Ministers Returns and did not include the Marriage Bonds, so the copy, therefore, only had the Ministers Returns and contained more than a few typographical errors. The "new" copy of the index had been in use in the office since that time and from frequent use had become very fragile.

Beginning in the summer of 2008, in an effort to produce a more accurate and complete record of Loudoun County Marriages, a new index was created using the original hand written index, the circa 1899 typewritten index, the original Ministers Returns and Bonds. As with any index of this sort, some names are open to interpretation being badly written, overwritten or misspelled. The names have been spelled using the most common spelling in the four sources.

Ministers Returns are the lists of the names of the persons being married and the dates of the license or marriage ceremony that were compiled by the Ministers and returned to the Clerk's Office for recording. They do not contain any information related to the ages, place of birth or parents of the couple being married. The Ministers Returns cover the years 1793 to 1850.

Marriage Bonds are the bonds the groom (with a surety) had to post prior to the marriage. Once the marriage took place the bond was void. The bonds often contain information regarding a parent (or parents) of one or both of the parties being married or other genealogical information. With a few exceptions prior to 1793 the bonds mainly cover the years 1793 to 1850.

As a guide for using this Index please note the following:

A number (2,4,6 etc.) prior to the name indicates the page in the original and circa 1899 Marriage Indexes.

The initials MB prior to the name indicates a Marriage Bond.

An asterisk (*) prior to a name indicates Ministers Returns that were not included in the original or the circa 1899 Index.

There are Ministers Returns for which there are no Bonds and Bonds for which there no Ministers Returns.

Copies of the original Returns and Bonds are available upon request